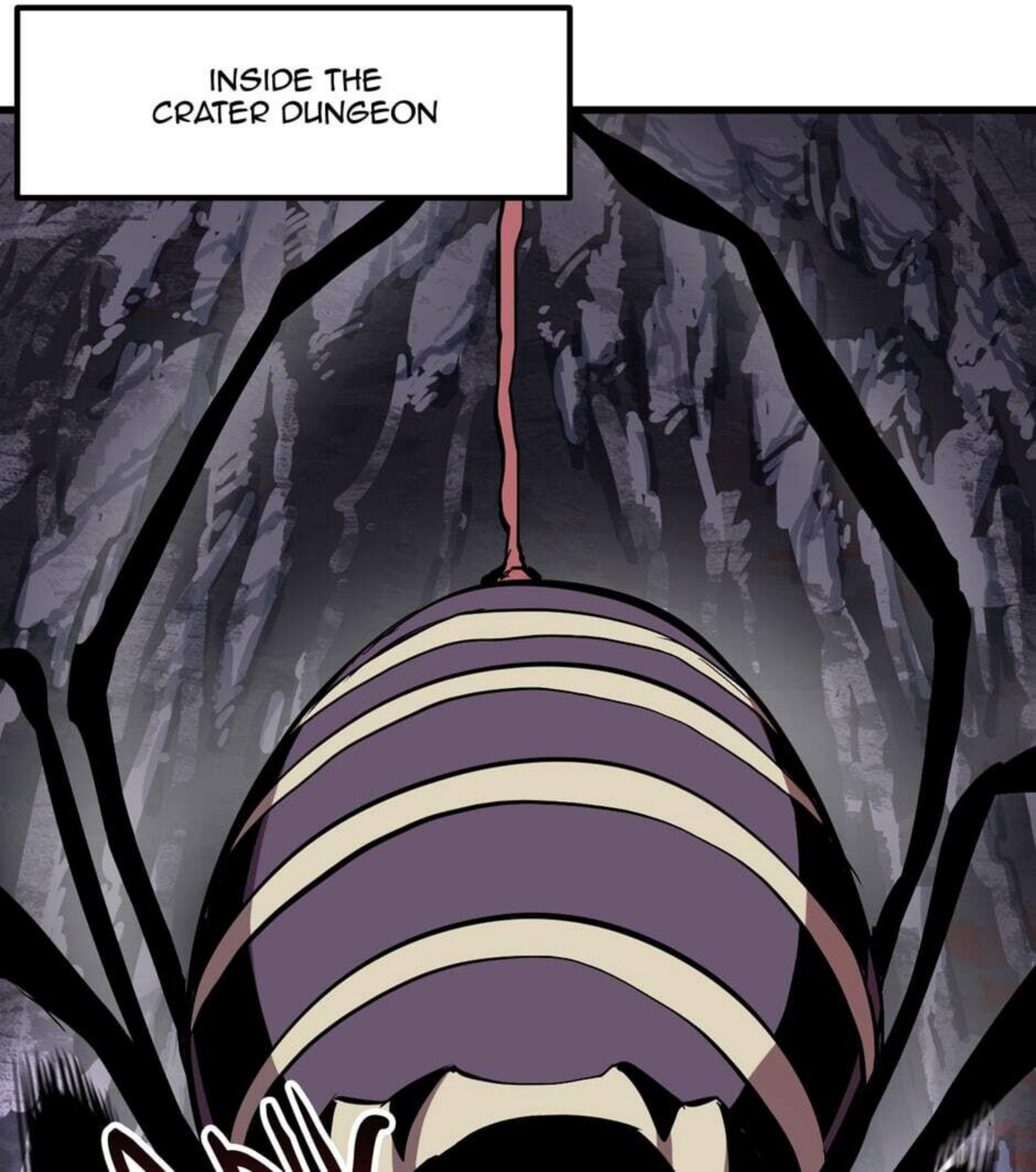
INSIDE THE
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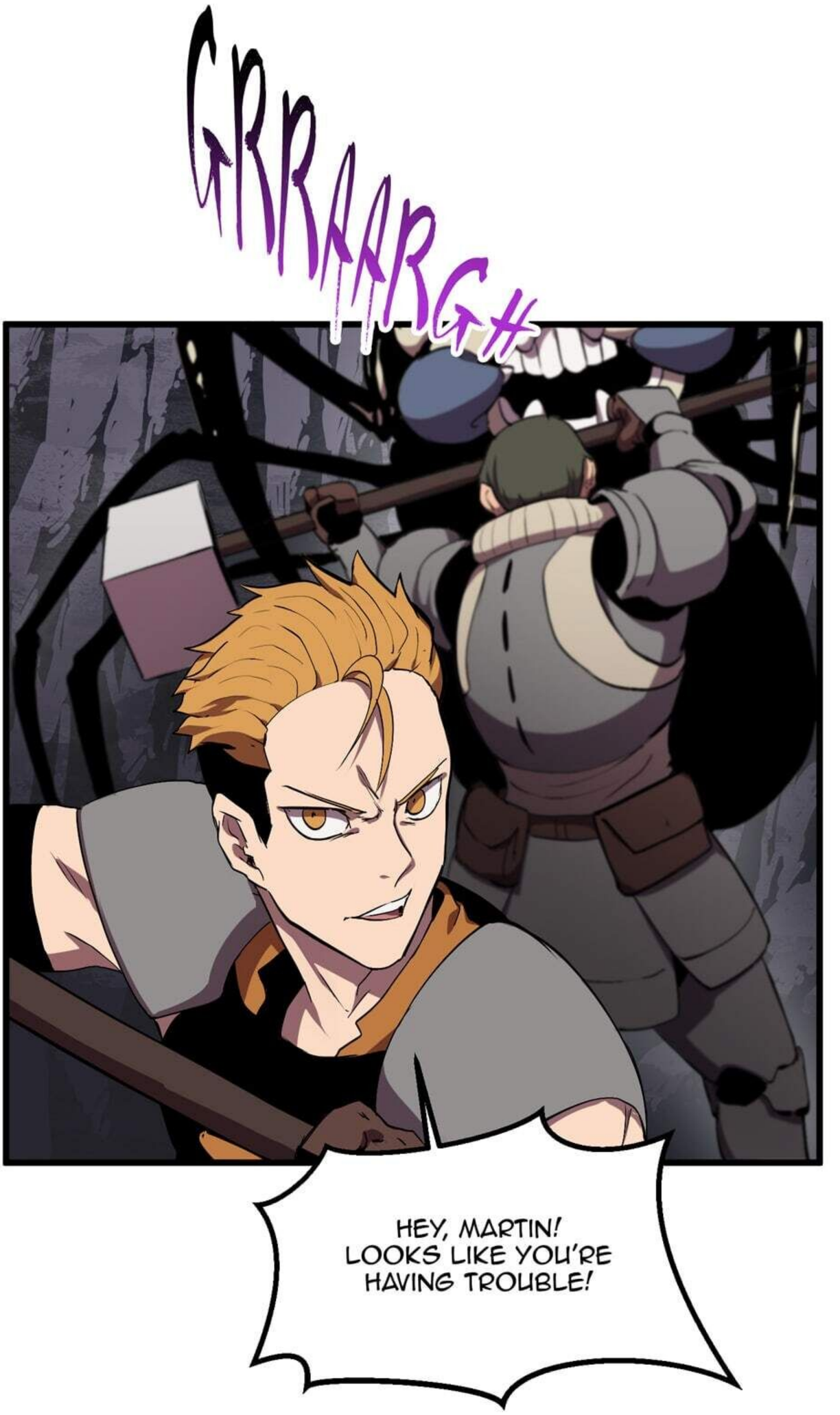
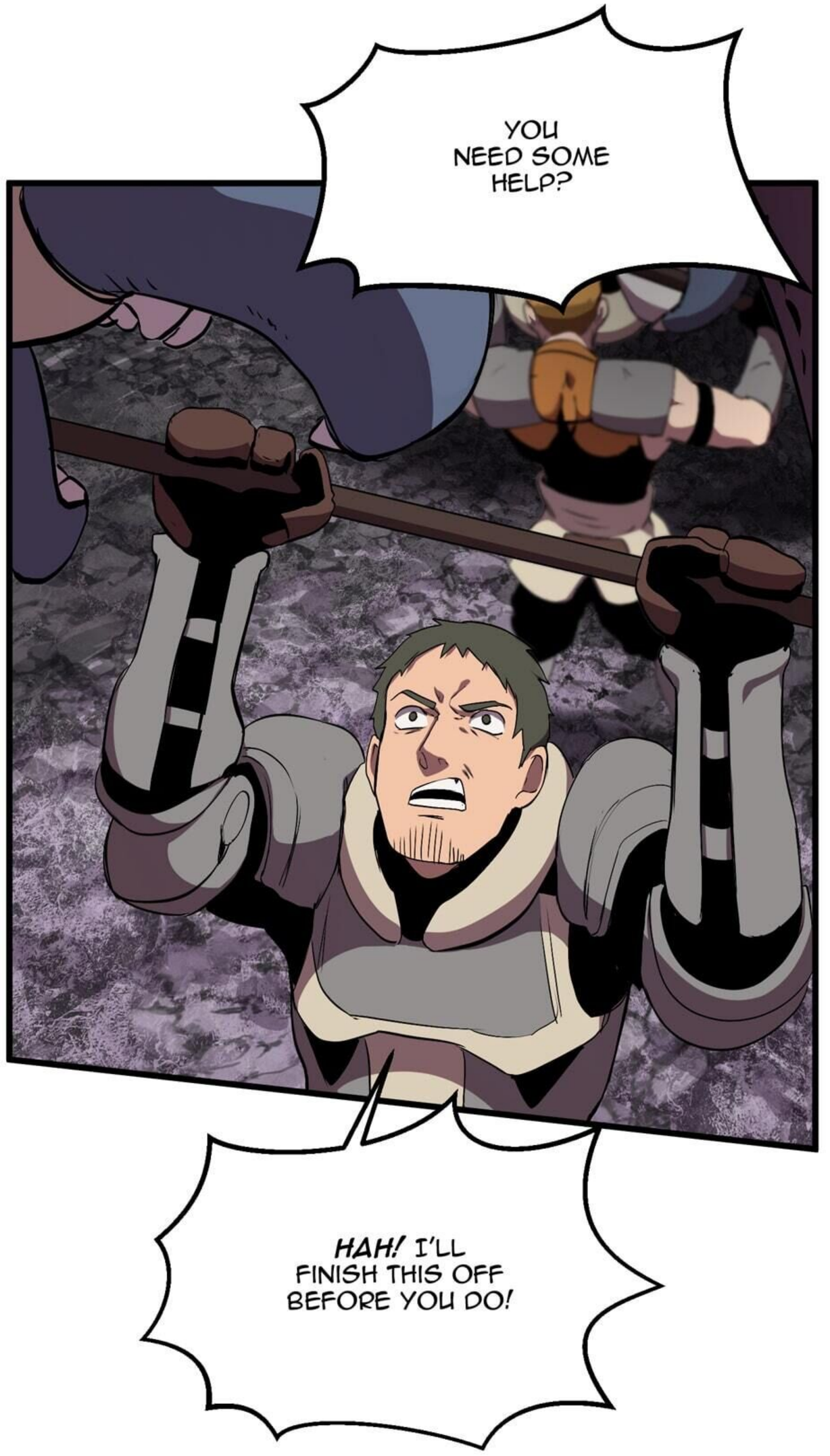
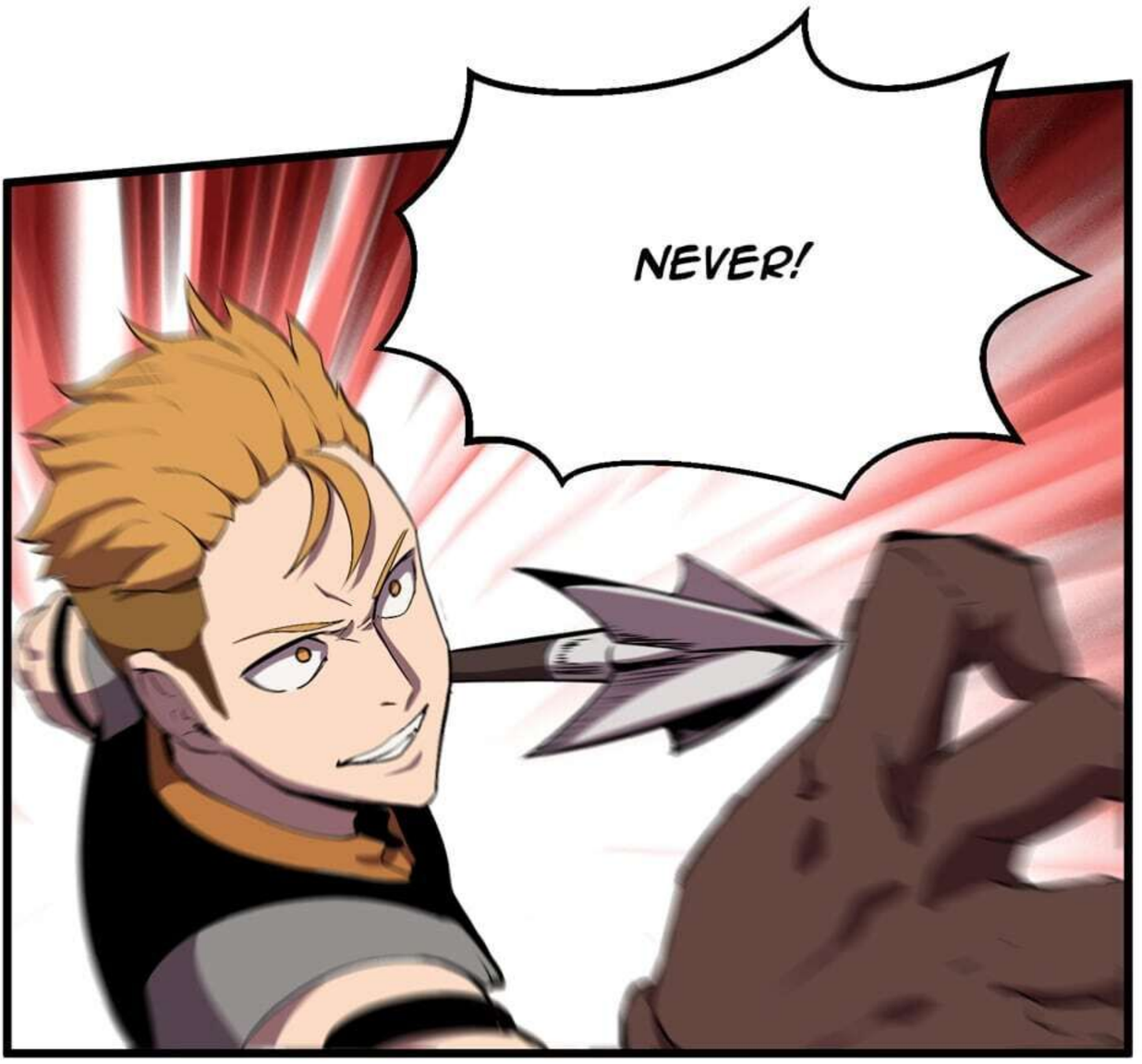

GRRAARG!!
HEY, MARTIN! LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE!


YOU NEED SOME HELP?
HAH! I'LL FINISH THIS OFF BEFORE YOU DO!



SHK

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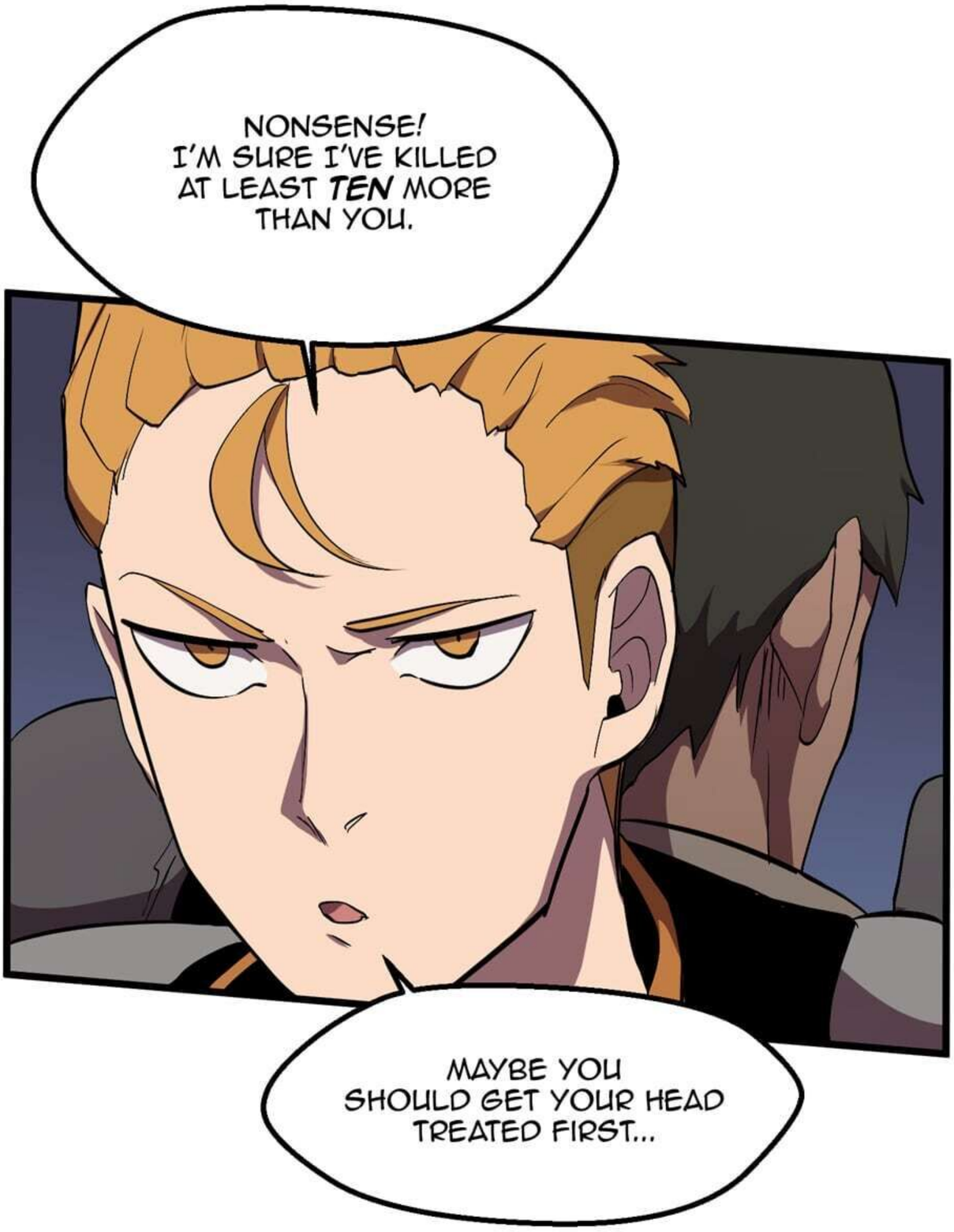
FWHOOM

CRUSH

MINE DIED FIRST!
WHATEVER!
I KILLED MORE MONSTERS
THAN YOU THIS TIME!


NONSENSE! I'M SURE I'VE KILLED AT LEAST TEN MORE THAN YOU.
MAYBE YOU SHOULD GET YOUR HEAD TREATED FIRST...

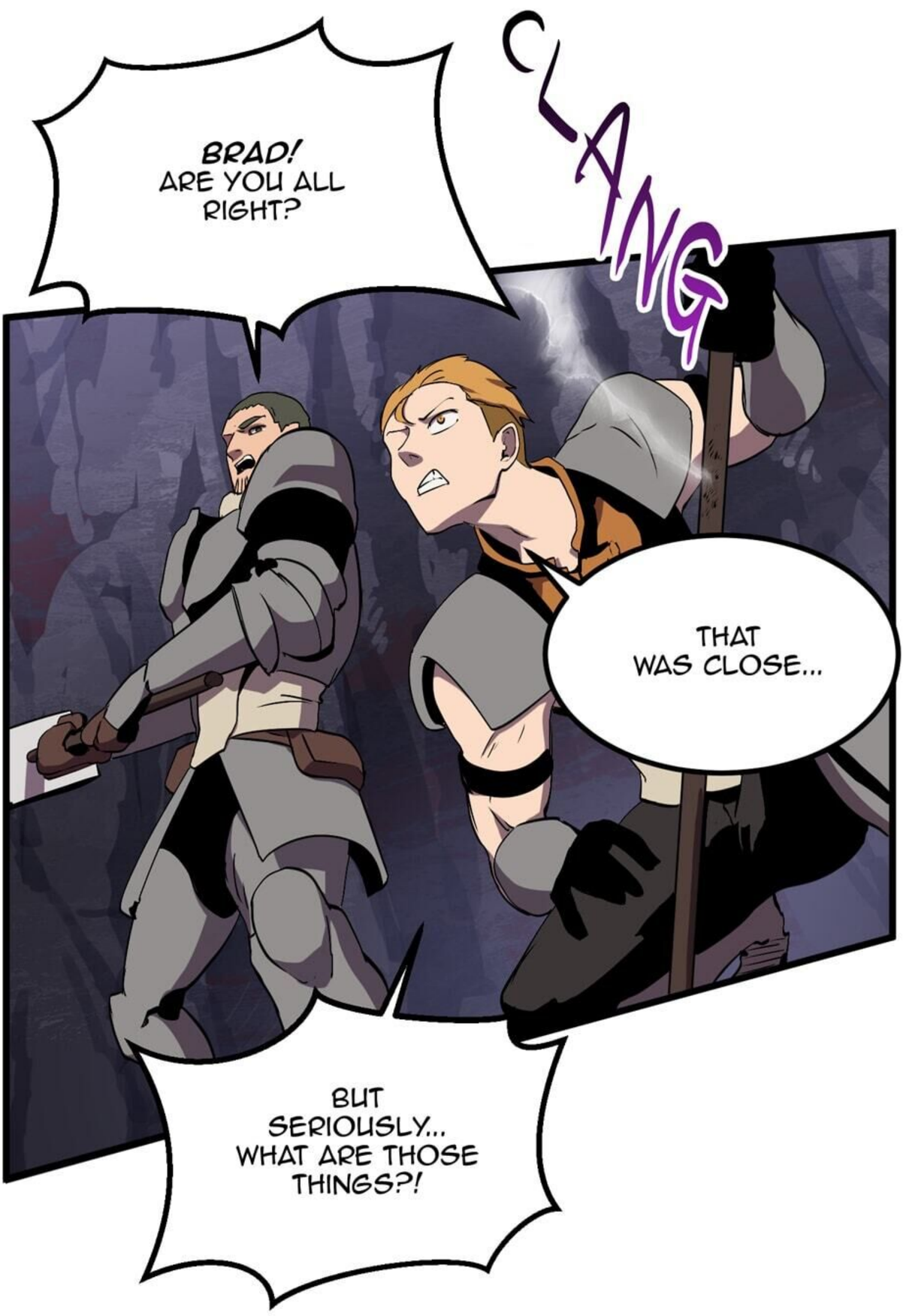
KYAAA!

TH-THE SPIDER WEB! IT CAME OUT OF NOWHERE!

WAIT!! LOOK UP!

KYAAAAA!
ELZA! FOREL!
WE'RE COMING! DON'T MOVE!

SHUNK
UGH!


CLANG
BRAD! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
THAT WAS CLOSE...
BUT SERIOUSLY... WHAT ARE THOSE THINGS?!

TARANTUL-KNIGHTS?
KA-KA-KAK
I DIDN'T THINK WE WERE DEEP ENOUGH TO MEET THESE!
WE WON'T STAND A CHANCE WITHOUT BUFFS!

I'M NOT SURE...
...IF WE CAN RUN FROM THEM EITHER.

FREEZE.

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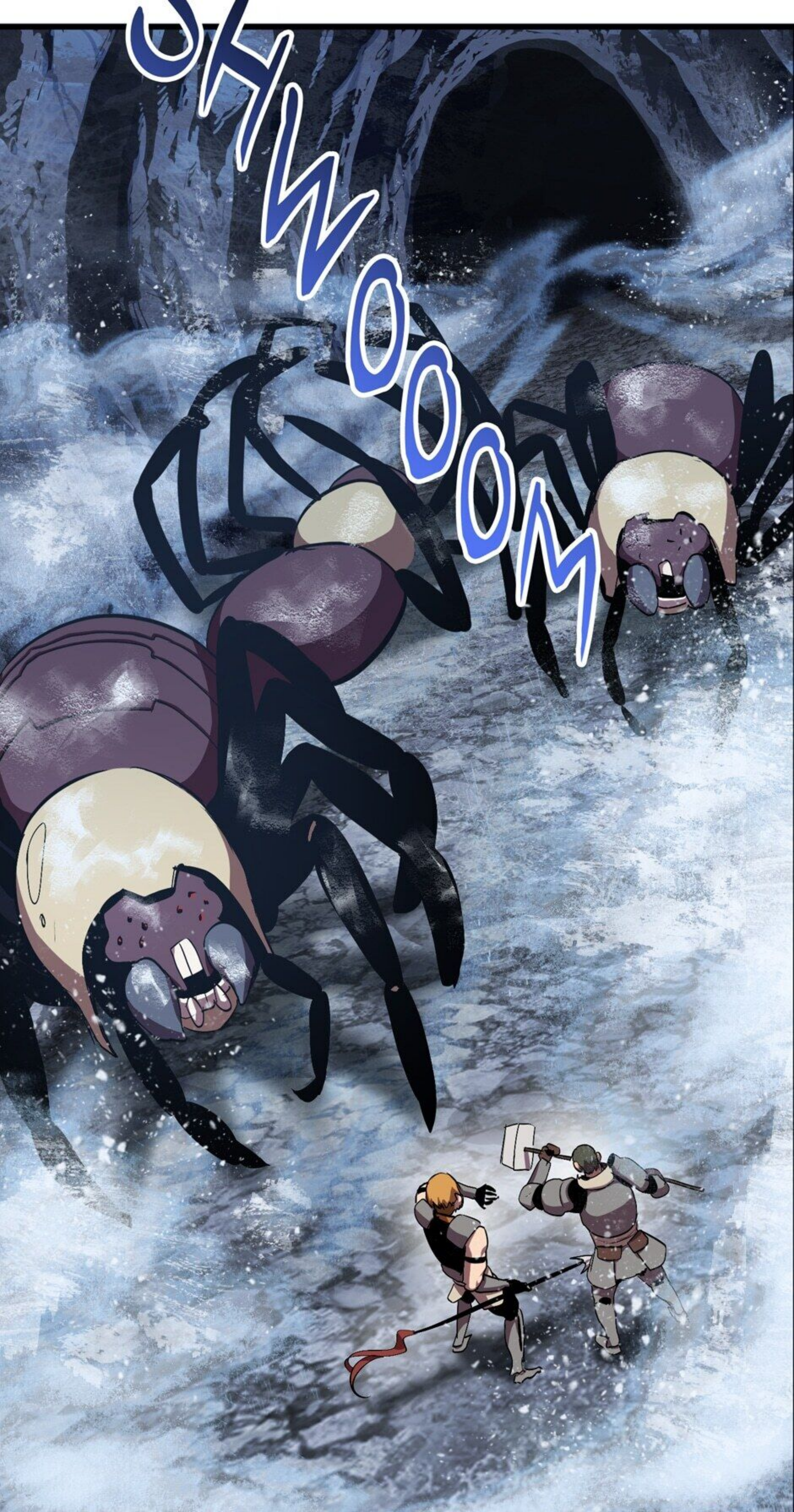
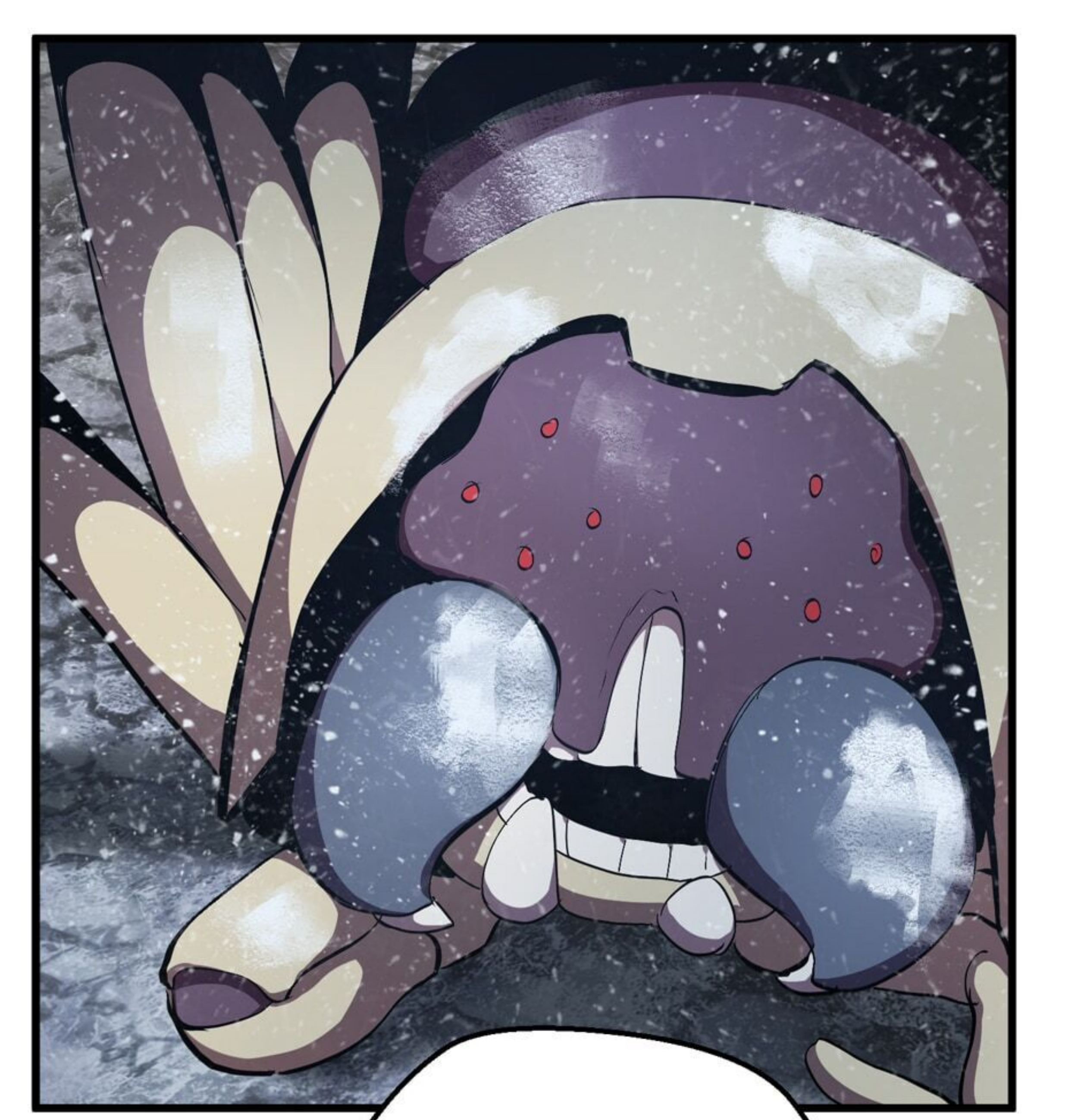

SHKO
OOOM

I-IT GOT SO COLD ALL OF A SUDDEN... DO THEY HAVE MAGICAL ABILITIES?

NO, IT WASN'T THE MONSTERS WHO USED MAGIC.



THEY'RE... DEAD!

NOT QUITE. THEY'VE JUST BEEN KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS.
WH-WHO ARE YOU?
CHAK
YOU'RE...

...ARTIS THE PYROMANCER AND THE VALTARAN WARRIOR?

I APOLOGIZE...
WE WEREN'T TRYING
TO GET IN YOUR WAY.

BUT YOU
SHOULD LEAVE
THE MONSTERS
TO US...

...AND HELP

THOSE TWO WOMEN WHO ARE TRAPPED.

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IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO MEET YOU!
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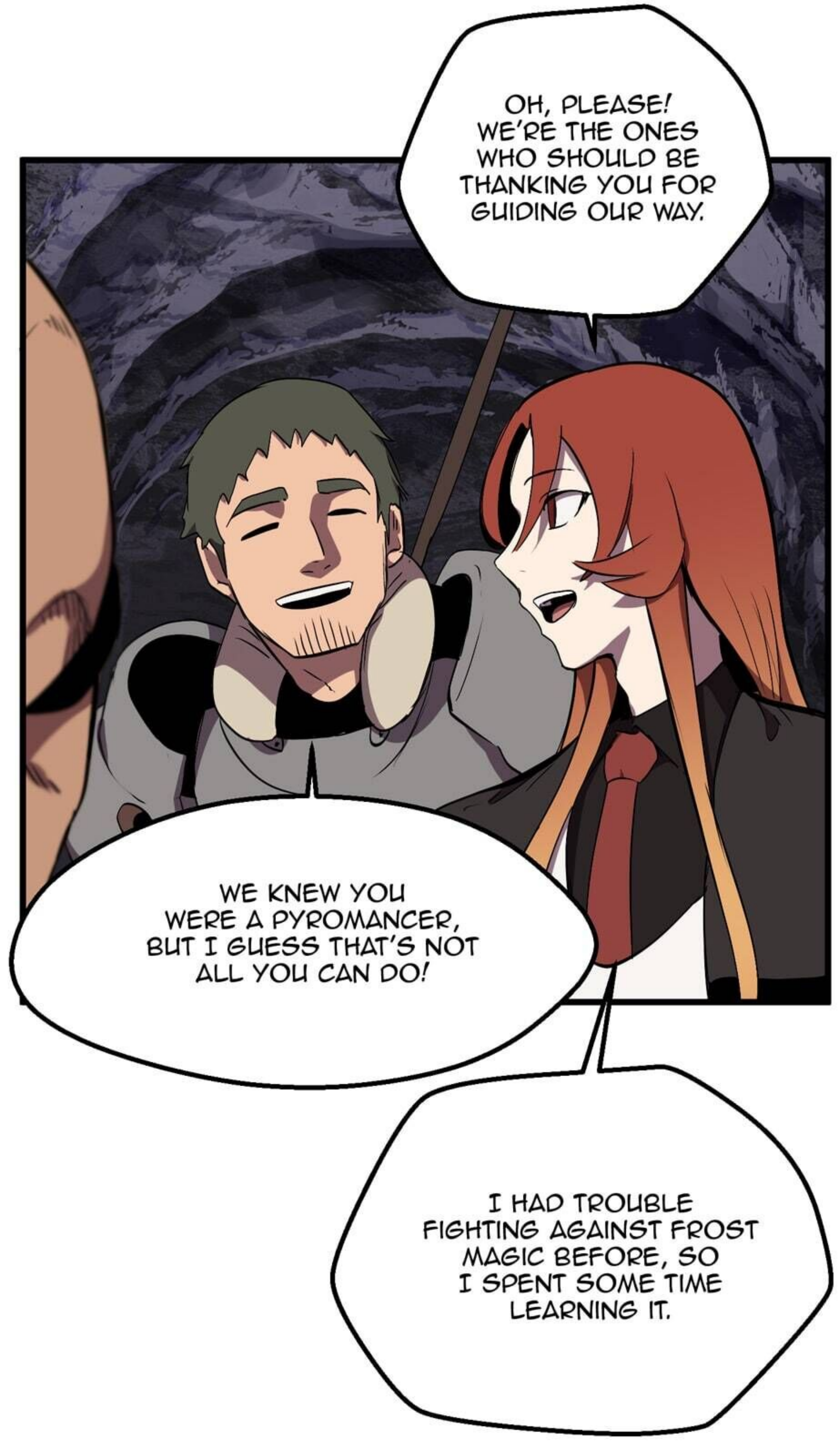
WE FEEL MUCH SAFER NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE!


OH, PLEASE! WE'RE THE ONES WHO SHOULD BE THANKING YOU FOR GUIDING OUR WAY.
WE KNEW YOU WERE A PYROMANCER, BUT I GUESS THAT'S NOT ALL YOU CAN DO!
I HAD TROUBLE FIGHTING AGAINST FROST MAGIC BEFORE, SO I SPENT SOME TIME LEARNING IT.

I LOVE A MAN WHO'S DRIVEN!

ME TOO~

MY NAME IS ELZA.

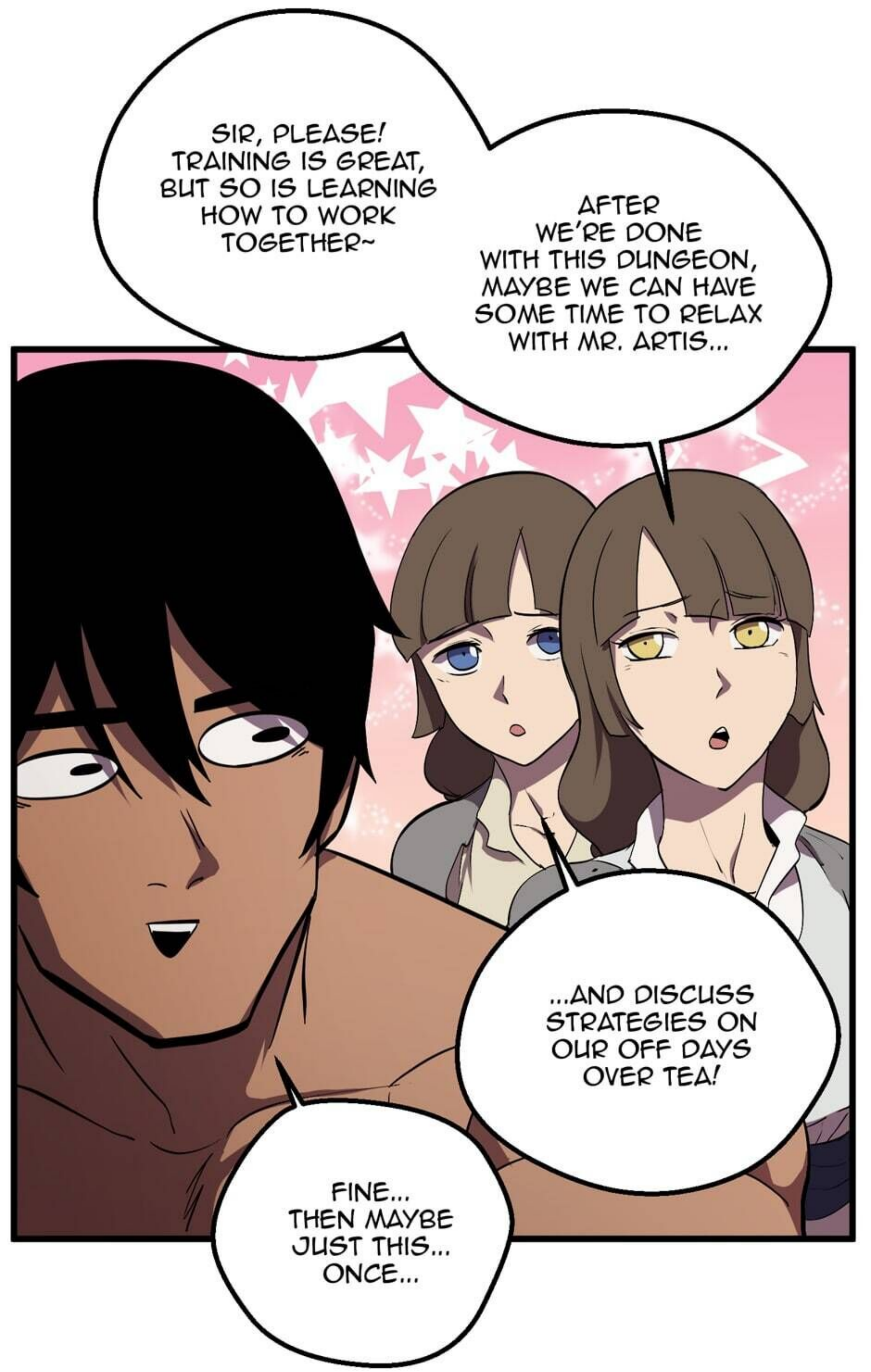
I AM FOREL.

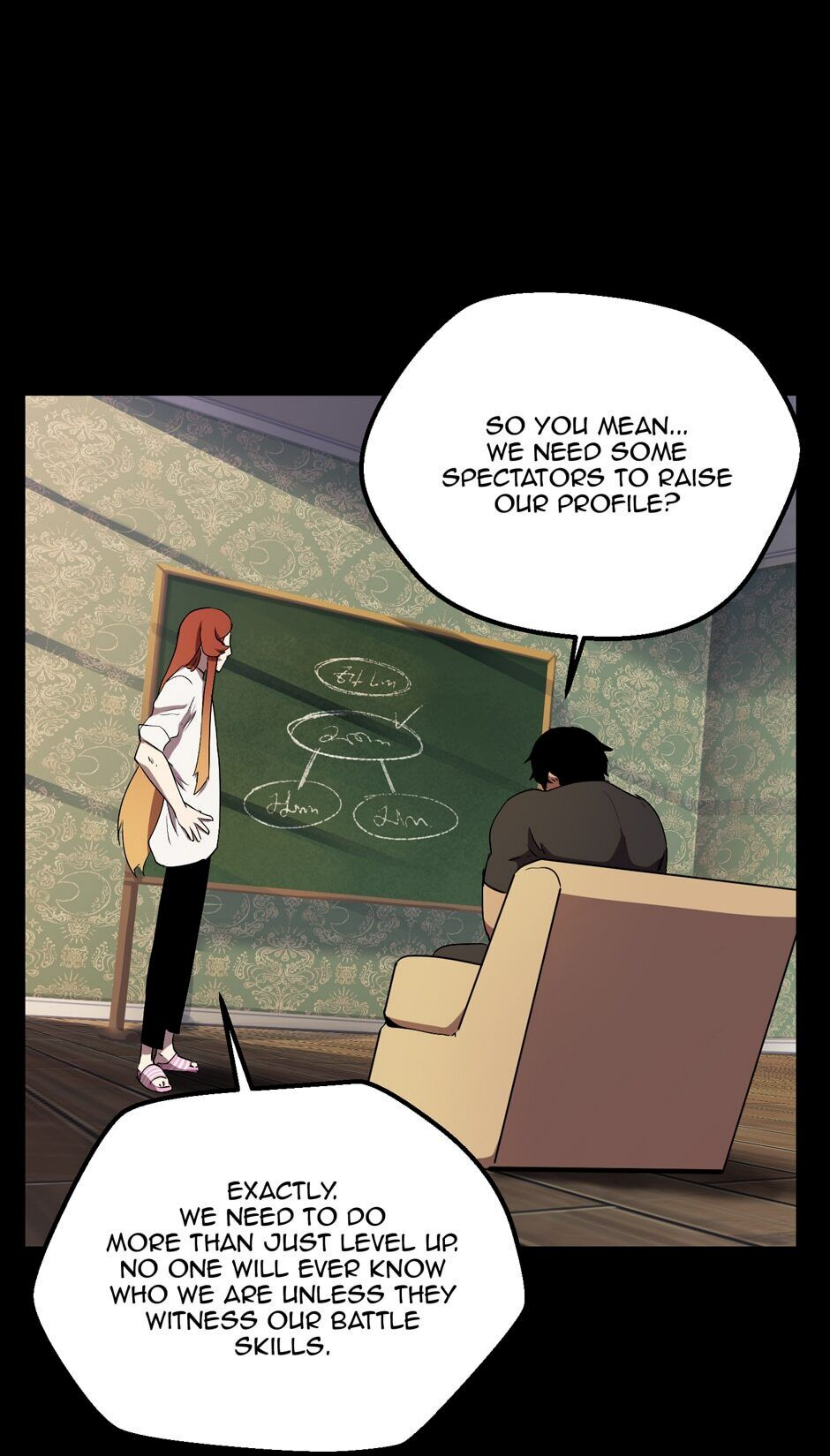
WE'RE BOTH HEALERS. ELZA, YOU SAID YOU ONLY CARE ABOUT A MAN'S LOOKS!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? DON'T MAKE ME HURT YOU!

IF IT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU, HOW ABOUT WE JOIN OUR FORCES TOGETHER AGAINST THE NEXT SET OF MONSTERS?
NO.

MR. VALTARAN WARRIOR...? WE KNOW THE WAY AROUND THIS DUNGEON PRETTY WELL.
WHAT~?
I ALREADY SAID NO.
SORRY, HIS ONLY CONCERN IS HIS WARRIOR TRAINING. HE DECLINES EVERY OFFER TO JOIN HANDS WITH ANOTHER PARTY.


SIR, PLEASE! TRAINING IS GREAT, BUT SO IS LEARNING HOW TO WORK TOGETHER~
AFTER WE'RE DONE WITH THIS DUNGEON, MAYBE WE CAN HAVE SOME TIME TO RELAX WITH MR. ARTIS...
...AND DISCUSS STRATEGIES ON OUR OFF DAYS OVER TEA!
FINE... THEN MAYBE JUST THIS... ONCE...

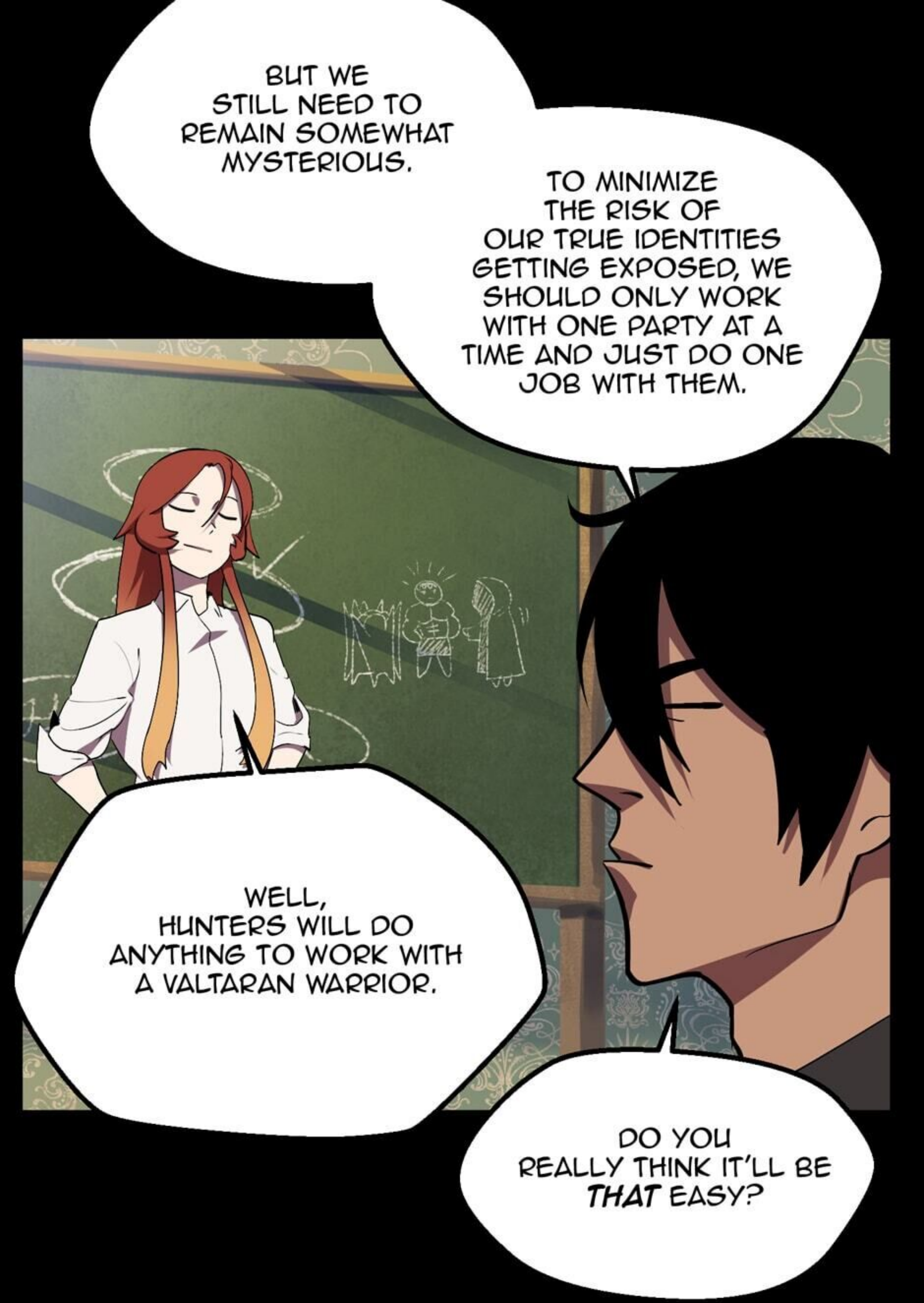

SO YOU MEAN... WE NEED SOME SPECTATORS TO RAISE OUR PROFILE?
EXACTLY. WE NEED TO DO MORE THAN JUST LEVEL UP. NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW WHO WE ARE UNLESS THEY WITNESS OUR BATTLE SKILLS.

ON TOP OF THAT, PEOPLE WILL EASILY GET SUSPICIOUS IF A HUNTER LEVELS UP TOO FAST.
I'VE BEEN OBSERVING HOW HUMANS THINK AND WORK FOR YEARS.
I CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT RUMORS AND IMAGE MATTER THE MOST TO PEOPLE.

SO, WE SHOULD WORK WITH OTHER PARTIES TO GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO SEE OUR OVERWHELMING POWER IN PERSON.

ONCE THEY BECOME MORE FAMILIAR WITH WHO WE ARE, THEY'LL START TO TALK ABOUT US LIKE WE'RE HEROES!

OVER TIME, THIS WILL RAISE OUR CHANCES TO COME ACROSS MEETING THE GODDESS.


BUT WE STILL NEED TO REMAIN SOMEWHAT MYSTERIOUS.
TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF OUR TRUE IDENTITIES GETTING EXPOSED, WE SHOULD ONLY WORK WITH ONE PARTY AT A TIME AND JUST DO ONE JOB WITH THEM.
WELL, HUNTERS WILL DO ANYTHING TO WORK WITH A VALTARAN WARRIOR.
DO YOU REALLY THINK IT'LL BE *THAT* EASY?

JUST TRUST ME.
I'LL MAKE YOU THE MOST FAMOUS HUNTER IN THIS CITY, HANBIN!

I HAVE TO ADMIT, HE'S BEEN RIGHT ABOUT ALMOST EVERYTHING SO FAR.

BUT THERE'S JUST ONE THING HE HASN'T THOUGHT OF...

CAN WE HANG OUT TOGETHER ON OUR OFF DAYS, MR. ARTIS?

MAYBE JUST THE THREE OF US CAN MEET UP WHILE HE TRAINS!

A-AH, I ALSO NEED TO STUDY SOME MAGIC SPELLS...
...NO GIRLS ARE EVER INTERESTED IN ME!!!

THUD

A *TRUE* HUNTER MUST DEVOTE HIMSELF TO OVERCOMING HIS OWN LIMITATIONS!

IT'S A BATTLE WITH ONESELF! TO CONTINUE FIGHTING THESE MONSTERS!

THAT SMUG-LOOKING GUY OBVIOUSLY KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT BEING A TRUE HUNTER! WHO CARES ABOUT HIS LOOKS?
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD THAT JEALOUS MEN ARE UGLY?

MEN ARE UGLY?

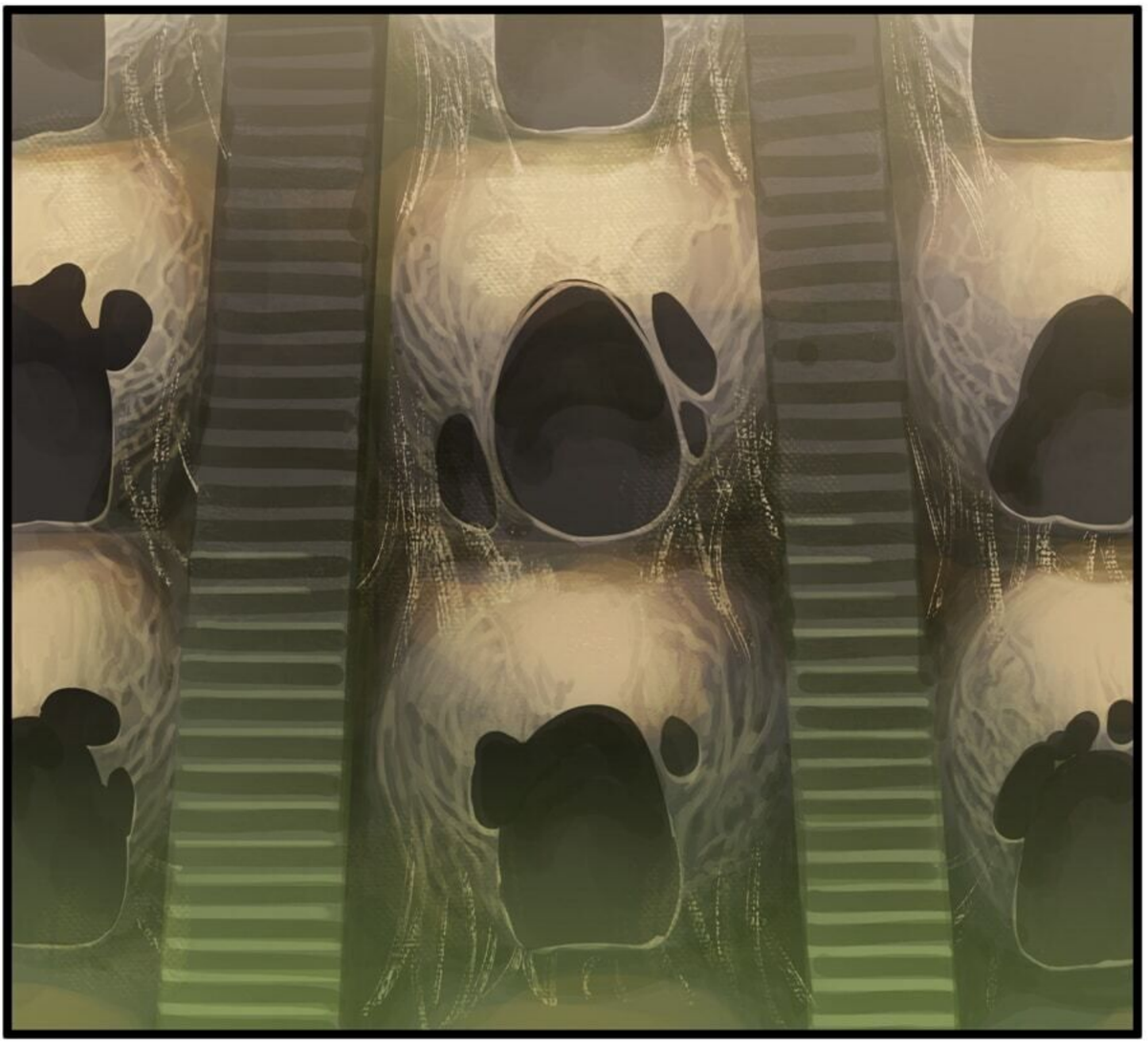
I APOLOGIZE.

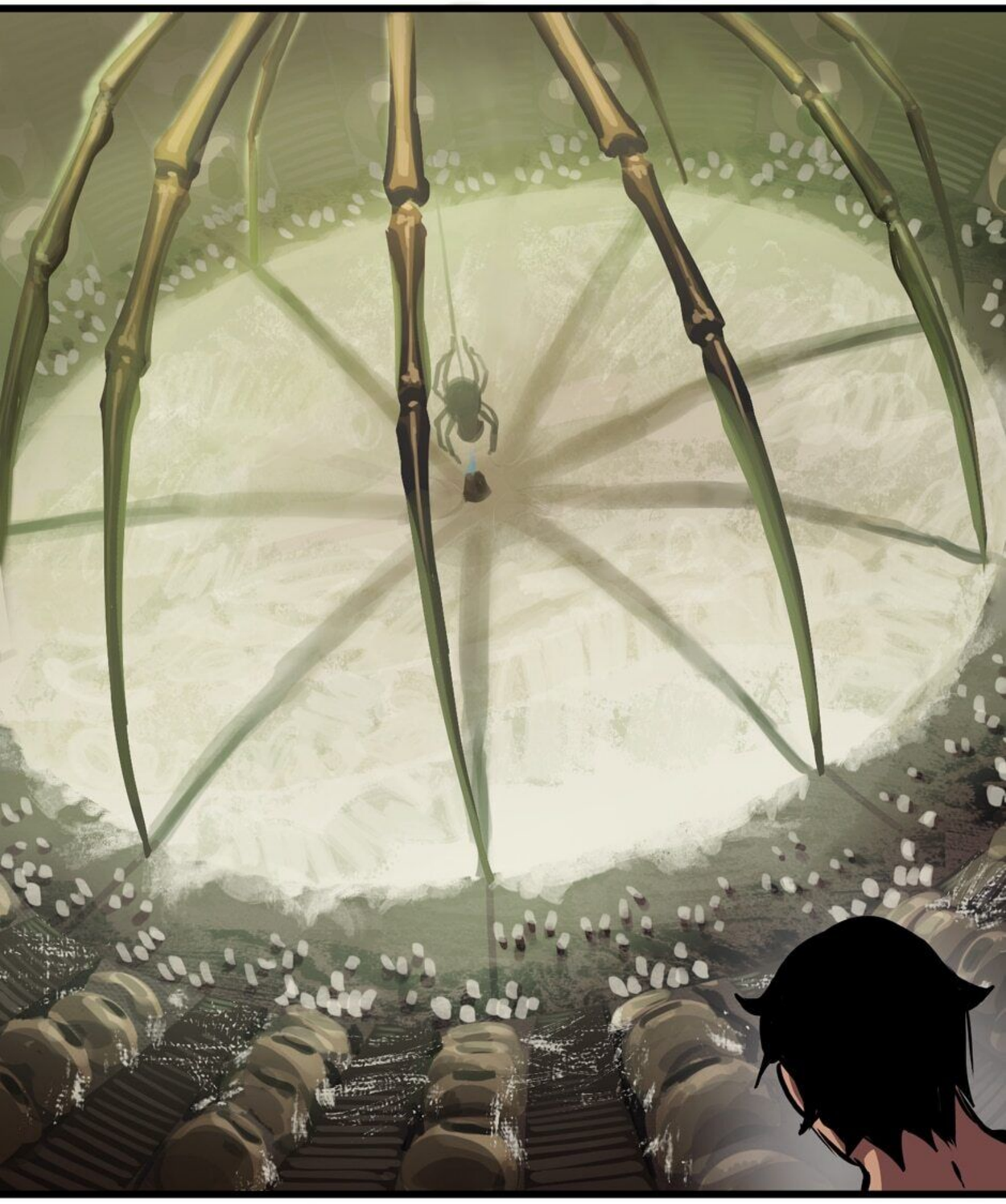
SHUT UP!! HE'S NOT QUALIFIED TO BE A REAL HUNTER!

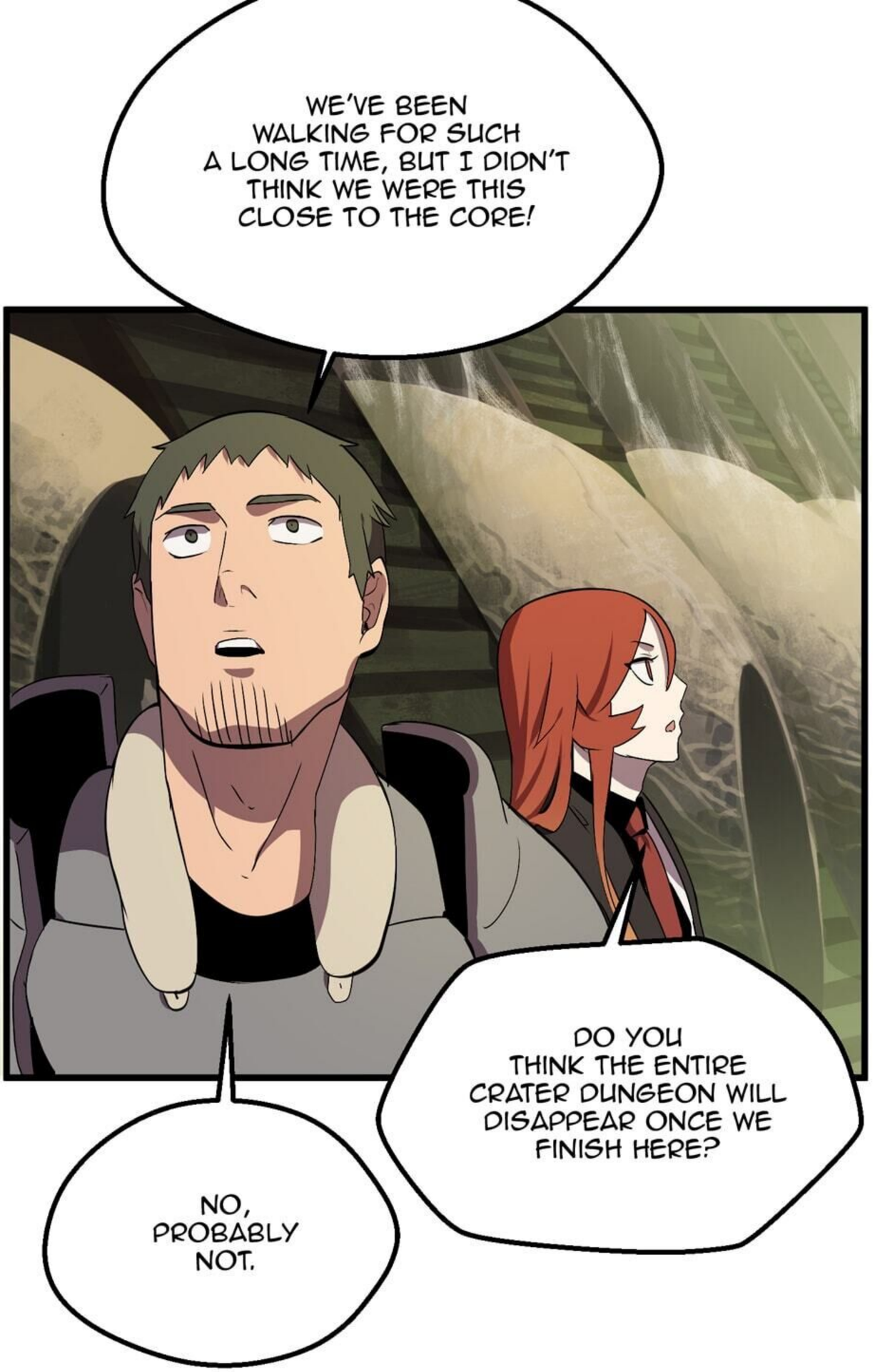
WH-WHAT IS IT?!

ARE YOU TRYING TO ACT TOUGH BECAUSE I BAD-MOUTHED YOUR MASTER?
TUP
YOU'RE THE FAMOUS VALTARAN THAT EVERYONE'S BEEN PRAISING SO MUCH... BUT I DON'T CARE ABOUT FAME!

WE'RE HERE.
CREEEAK
WHAT...?







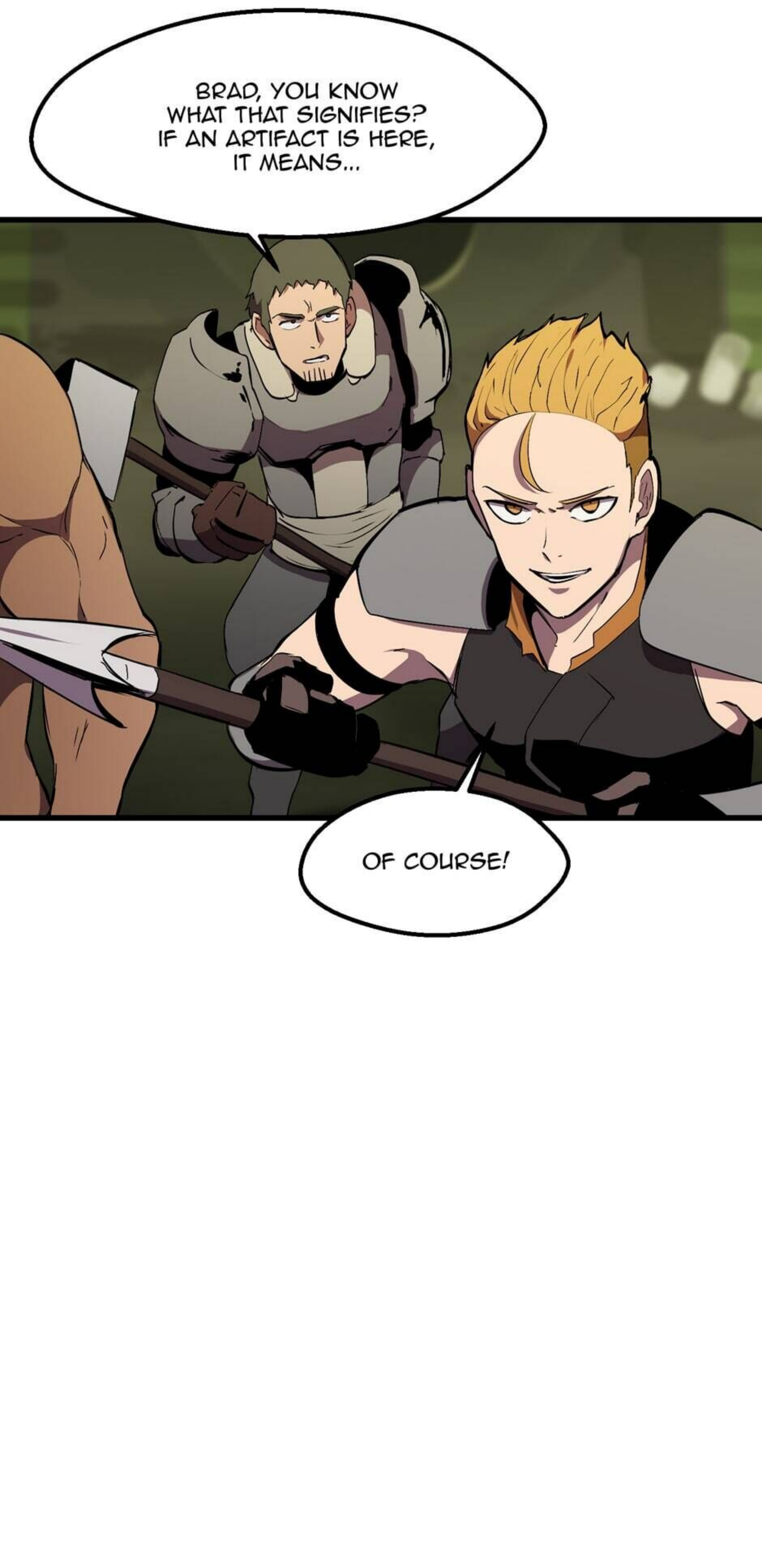
THE TERM 'CRATER DUNGEON' COLLECTIVELY REFERS TO

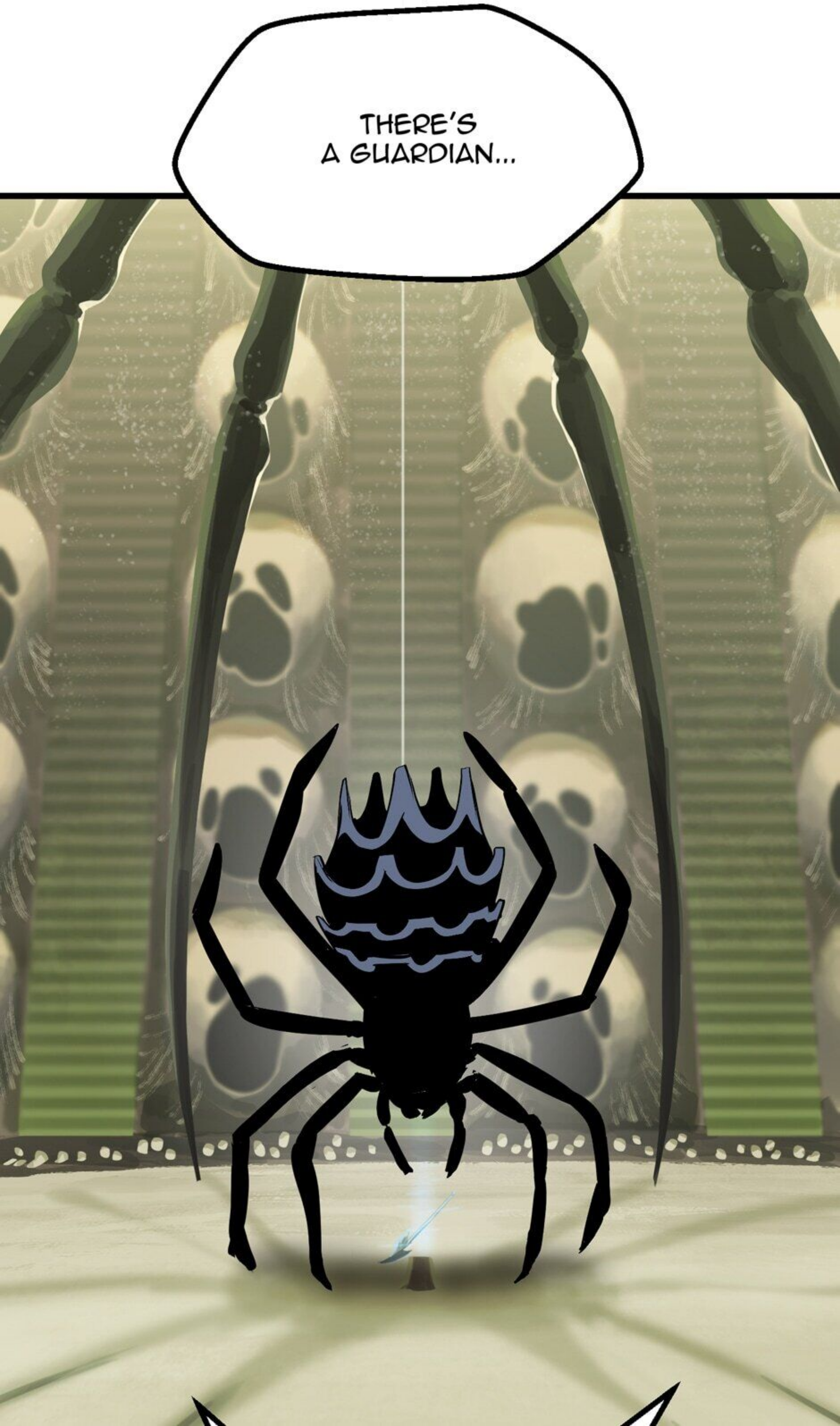
ALL OF THE DUNGEONS IN THE CRATER VALLEY.

THERE ARE MANY OTHER DUNGEONS IN THE VALLEY, SO CLOSING JUST ONE HERE WON'T AFFECT ALL OF THEM.

WHAT A RELIEF! WE'RE NOT READY TO LEAVE THE CITY YET.
OH...! THAT'S...

...AN ARTIFACT!


BRAD, YOU KNOW WHAT THAT SIGNIFIES? IF AN ARTIFACT IS HERE, IT MEANS...
OF COURSE!


THERE'S
A GUARDIAN...

IT'S THE DUNGEON BOSS!!

POISON ATTACKS!
YOU AND I SHOULD CLOSE IN AND GO FOR ITS LEGS!
BRAD! PROVIDE COVER FOR US WITH MR. ARTIS AND WAIT FOR MY SIGNAL!

YOU THINK I'D JUST STAND BACK AND WATCH YOU FIGHT?

HAH! I WON'T LET THE GUEST TAKE ALL THE GLORY!!

TAKA

TAKA

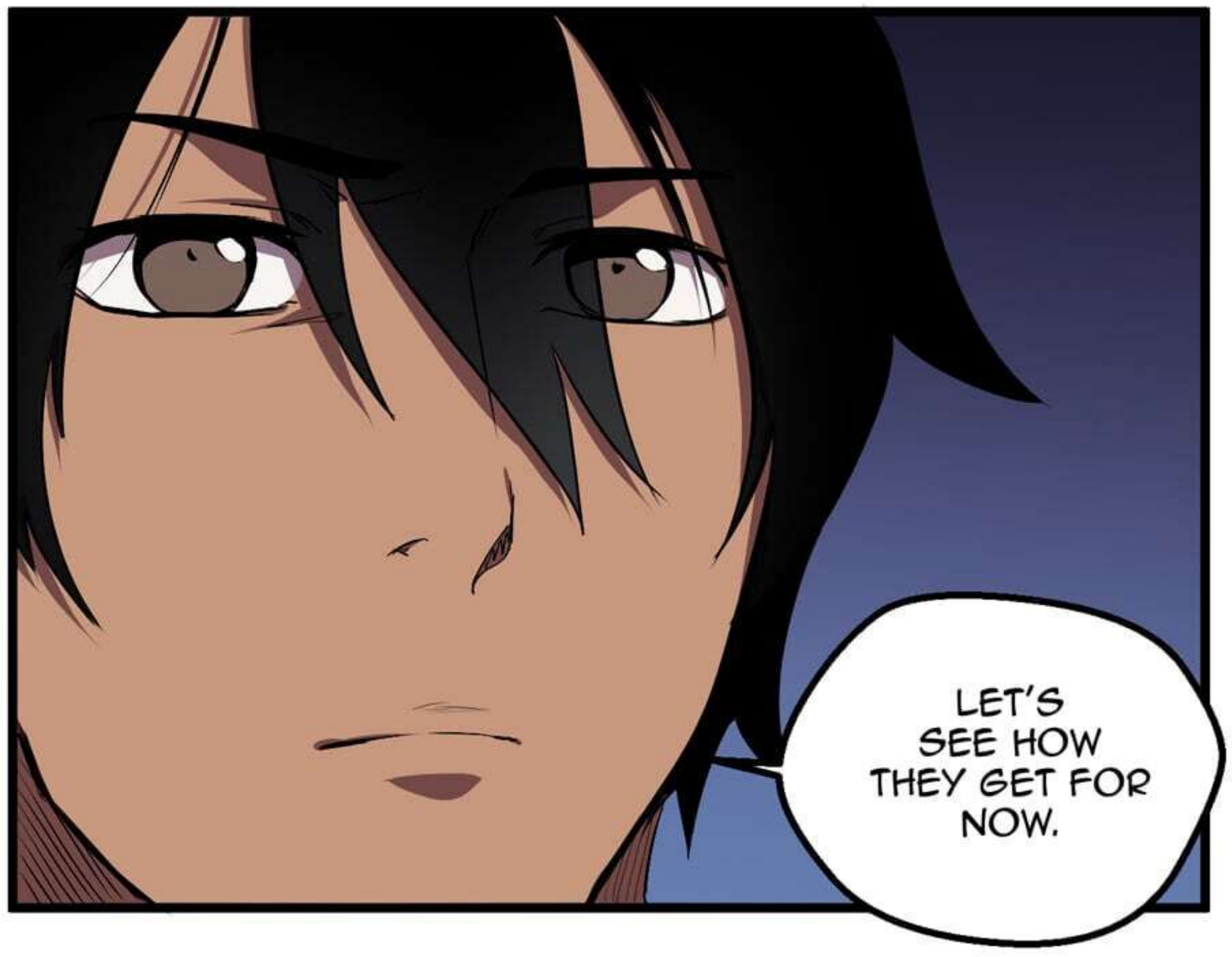
YOU... IDIOT!

COULD YOU AND MR. ARTIS PROVIDE COVER FOR OUR HEALERS THEN?
LET'S GO!

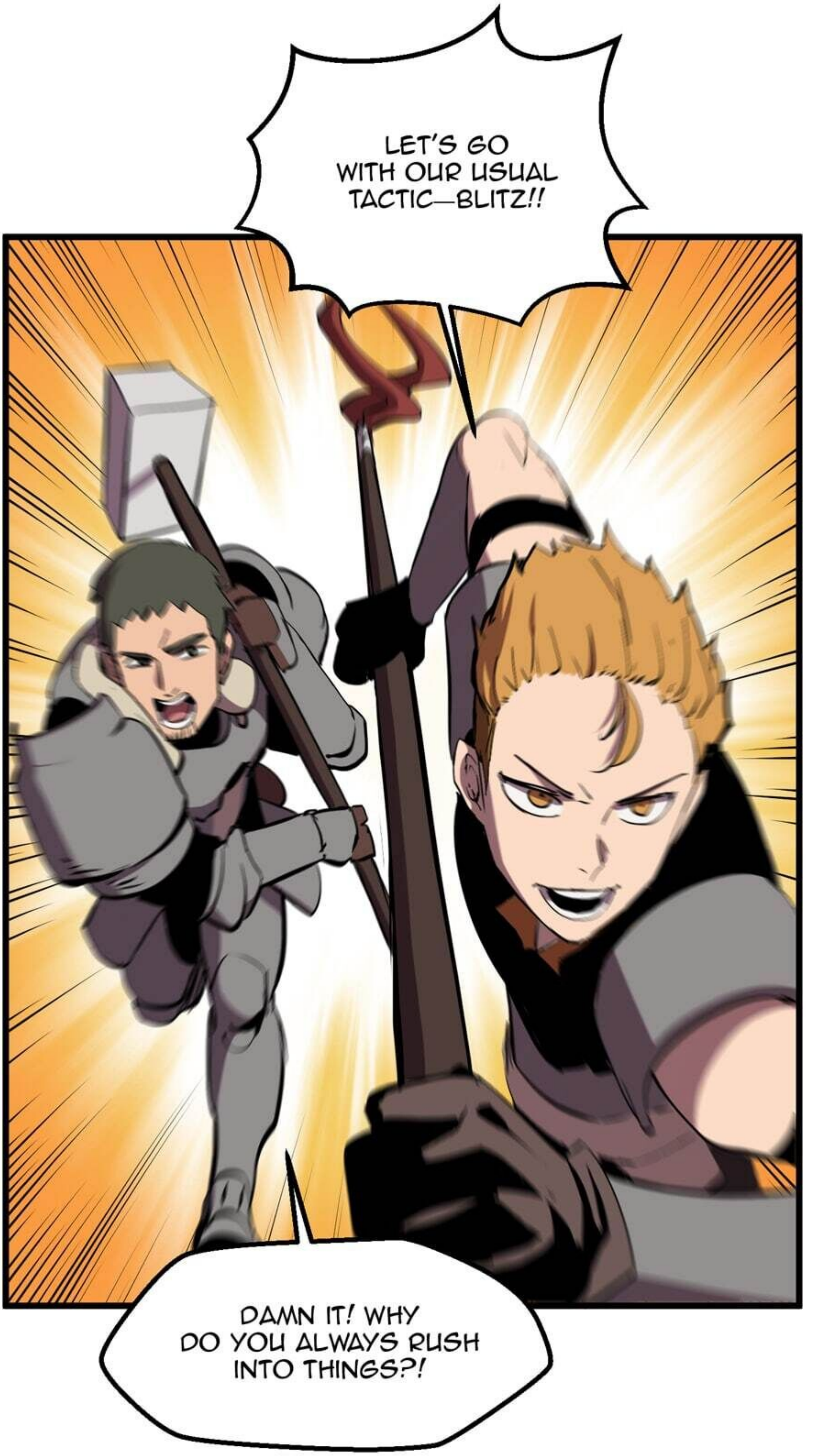
FINE.

PROBABLY.

SHOULD WE GO CHECK IT OUT?

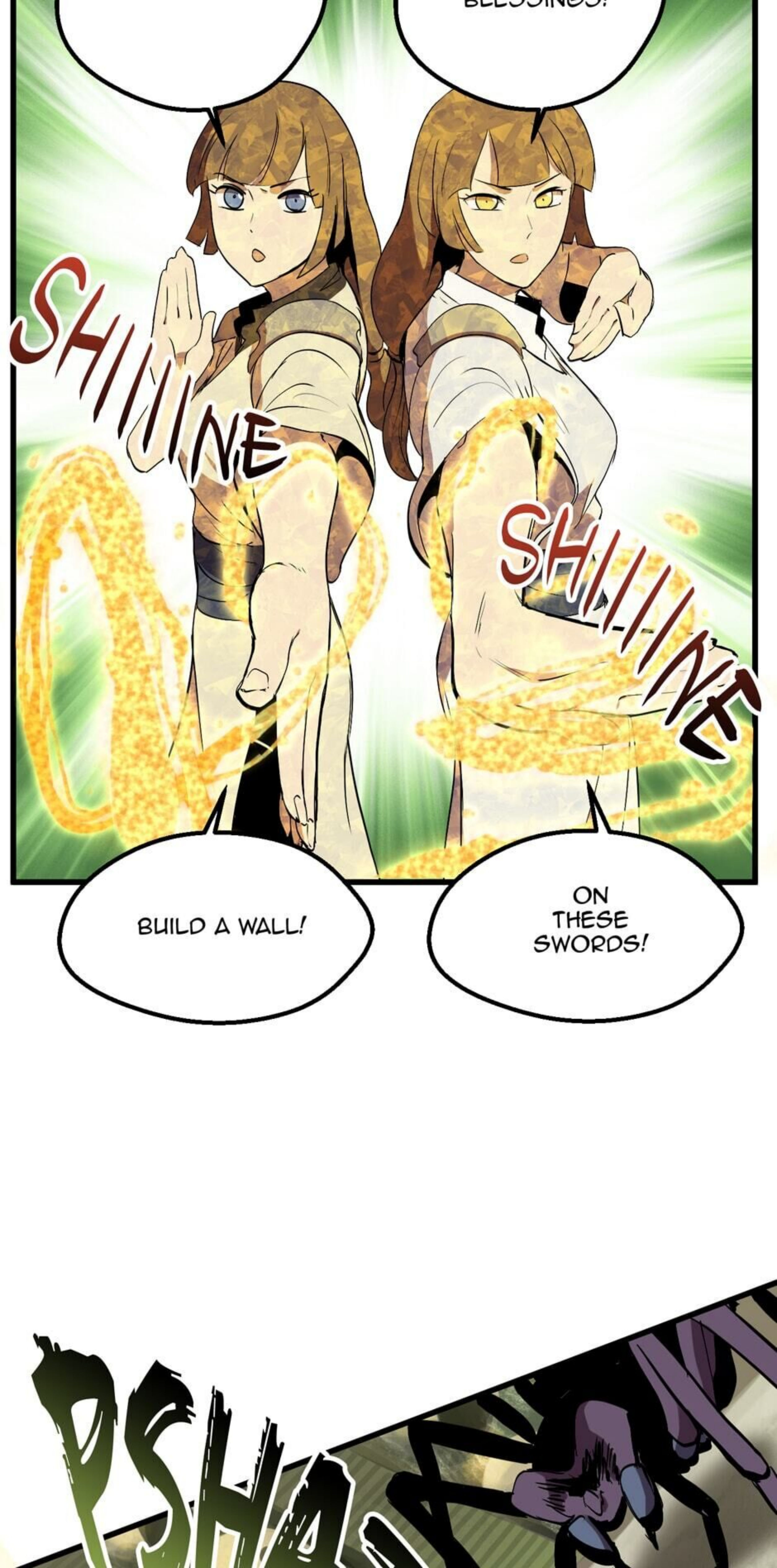

LET'S SEE HOW THEY GET FOR NOW.

FWAAAA


LET'S GO WITH OUR USUAL TACTIC—BLITZ!!
DAMN IT! WHY DO YOU ALWAYS RUSH INTO THINGS?!

TAKA TAKA
WHOEVER KILLS THIS ONE WINS!
GRRAARGH
NOT EVERYTHING HAS TO BE A COMPETITION!

PSHEWW
ARTIA'S LIGHT!
YESHEN'S BLESSINGS!


BLESSINGS!
SHIIINE
SHIIINE
BUILD A WALL!
ON THESE SWORDS!
PSHA

TAK

OH,
THEY'RE ALL
IN PERFECT SYNC!

LOOK AT
THEIR TIMING
AND LOCATION
SELECTION TO
CREATE A
DEFENSIVE
WALL.

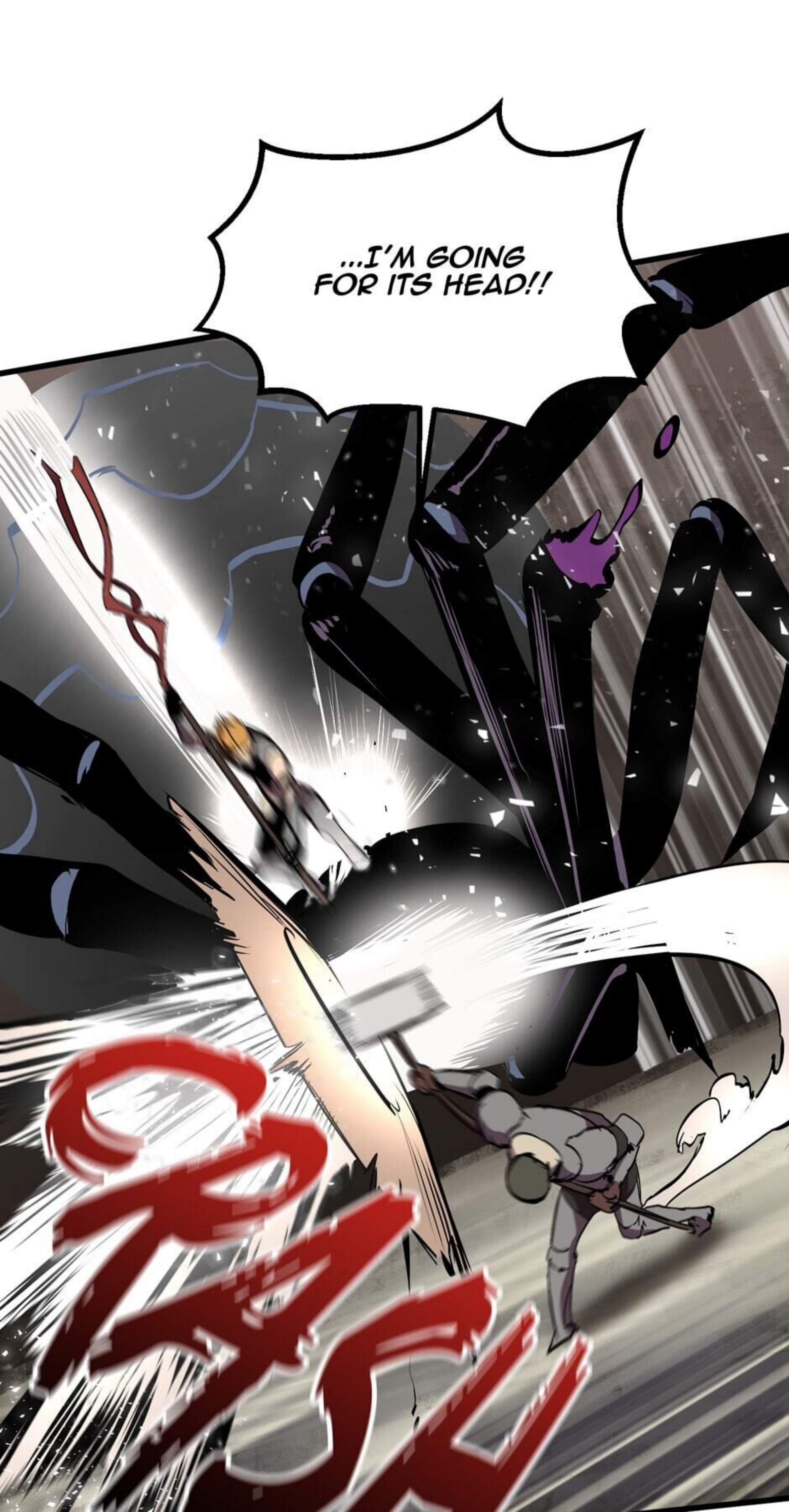
THEY'RE ALSO
BUFFING THE MELEE
HUNTERS TO BOOST THEIR
PHYSICAL ABILITIES!

THE HUNTERS
ONLY NEEDED TO
CREATE SPACE

BETWEEN THEM FOR A BRIEF MOMENT...
SKWOOK
...FOR THE HEALERS TO BLOCK THE MONSTER'S LONG-RANGE ATTACK!

THERE'S NO TIME TO GO FOR ALL OF ITS LEGS!
FRP

IF I'M GOING TO DESTROY IT COMPLETELY...
TUP


...I'M GOING FOR ITS HEAD!!

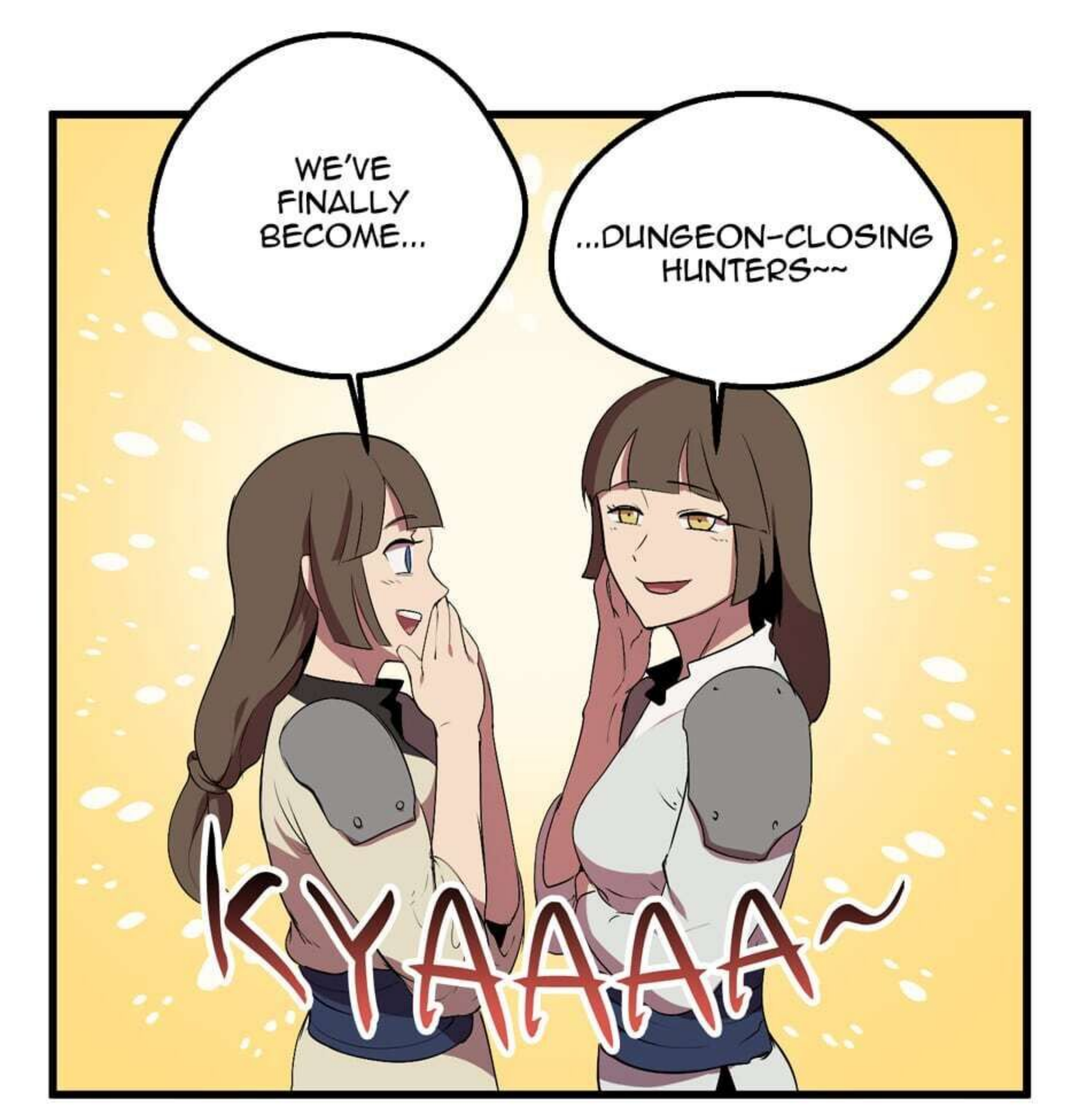
THUD
YEAAAHHH! WOO-HOO!!
YOU'RE MAKING TOO MUCH NOISE.

THEY'RE NOT AS GOOD AS YOU ARE, BUT THEY CERTAINLY ARE VETERAN HUNTERS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT.

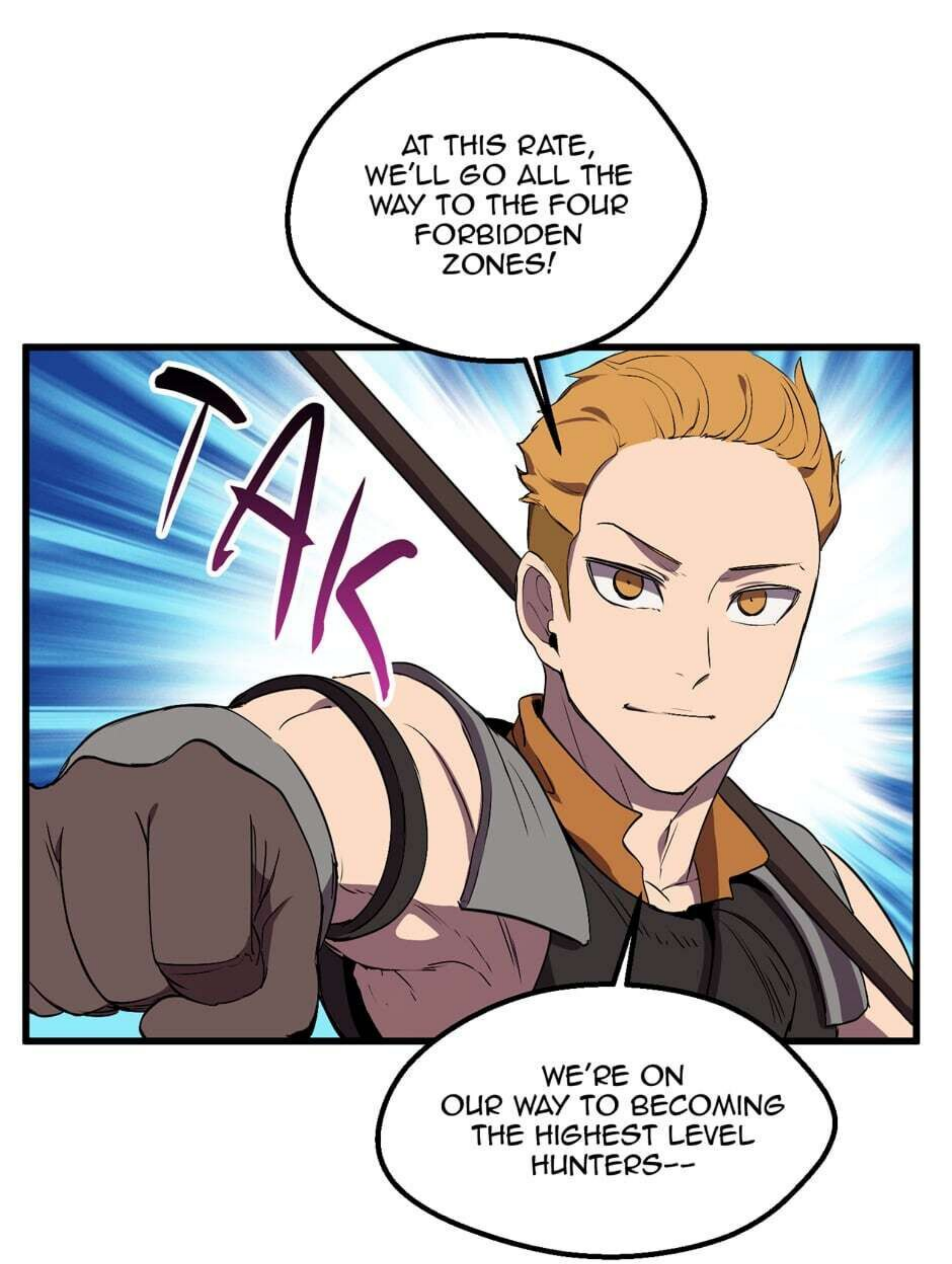
I DO SEE THAT, BUT...

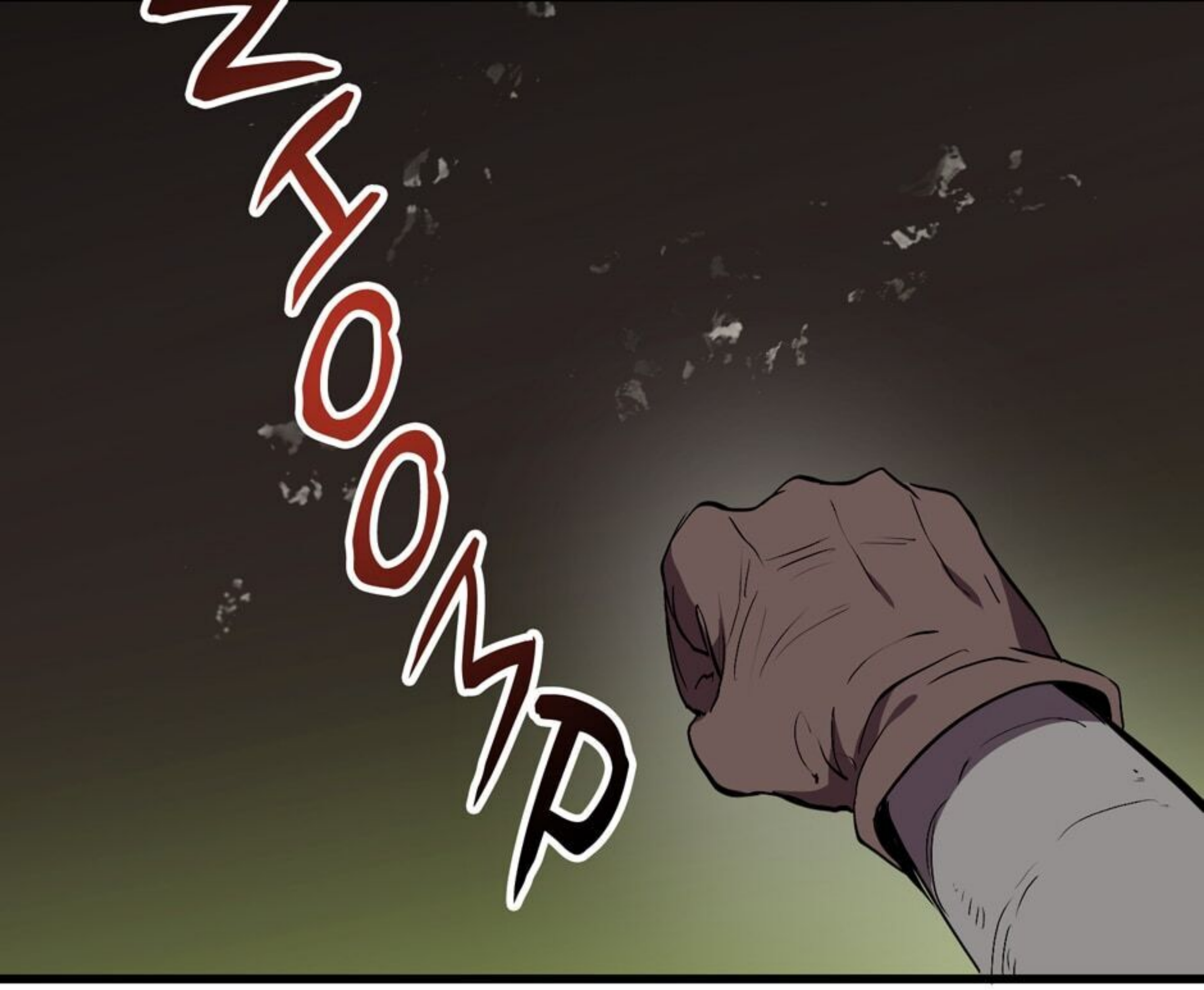
...WHY'S ITS LEVEL SO LOW?

I THOUGHT IT WAS A DUNGEON BOSS!


WE'VE FINALLY BECOME...
...DUNGEON-CLOSING HUNTERS~~
KYAAAA~

HEY, IT'S OUR FIRST TIME CLEARING A DUNGEON.
SSK
COME ON, DON'T EMBARRASS ME.

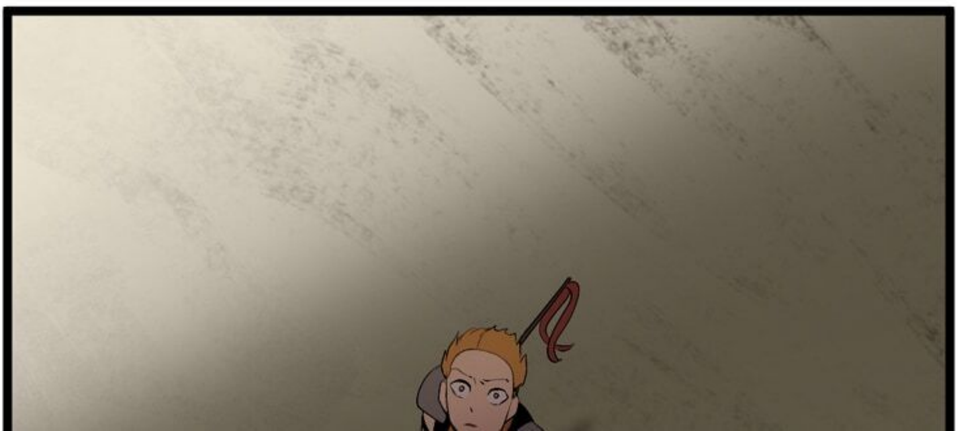

AT THIS RATE, WE'LL GO ALL THE WAY TO THE FOUR FORBIDDEN ZONES!
TAK
WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO BECOMING THE HIGHEST LEVEL HUNTERS--

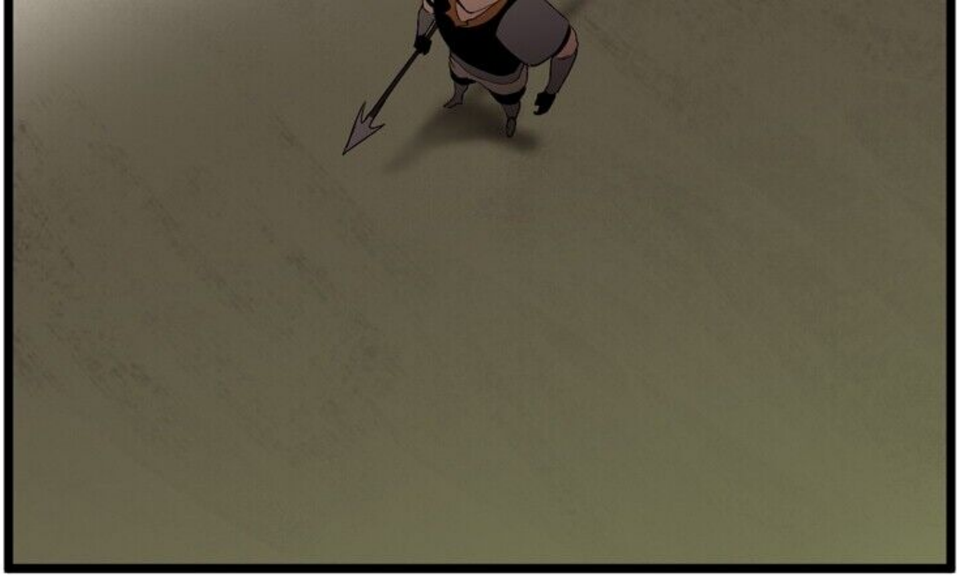

BOOMP

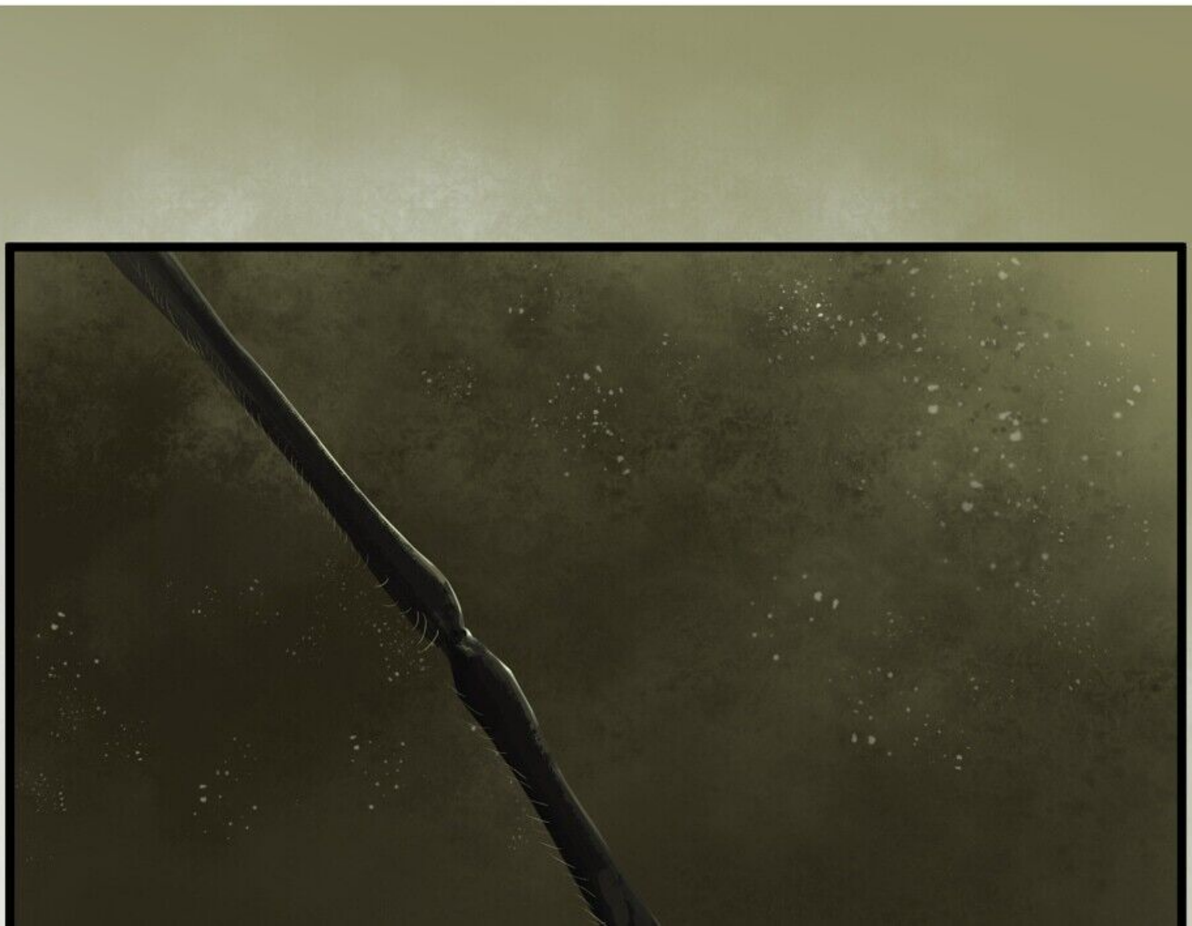
FWHOOSH

SHRRRK

...MARTIN?







THUD

GRAAAH
Species:
Tarantul-Queen

Lvl 50

RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE